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Chief, Operations, DI/P

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Director of Training

Orbit Operations Seminar Recommendations

1. Attached is a paper prepared by the Orbit Operations Seminar (25 April - 2 May 1955) containing recommendations on the assignment of responsibility for Orbit operations within the Clandestine Services. This paper was prepared in response to a specific request from Chief, FI Staff, for recommended organizational changes within the existing organizational structure.

2. It was agreed that the present situation is highly unsatisfactory (see paragraph 7). The recommendations for improvement are as follows:

a. That Orbit desks be made responsible for all Orbit operations, wherever they may be, and be given precise authorities (listed paragraph 5) to carry out this responsibility.

b. That host desks exercise a support and coordination function.

c. That the FI Staff be assigned full responsibility by the DI/P for coordinating, guiding, and making decisions on all inter-divisional conflicts or disagreements arising from the Orbit-host desk handling of Orbit operations under a. and b.

3. It should be stressed that the organizational changes performed by the seminar (these will be enlarged upon in the full seminar report) are:



b. The assignment to the remaining divisions of responsibility for executive and support activities in the field under the direction of the Orbit division.

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